

enhancement and, where appropriate, development of tribal court systems for the administration of justice in Indian country by providing technical and legal assistance services.

(4) To encourage collaborative efforts between national or regional membership organizations and associations whose membership consists of judicial system personnel within tribal justice systems; non-profit entities which provide legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, and/or tribal justice systems.

(5) To assist in the development of tribal judicial systems by supplementing prior Congressional efforts such as the Indian Tribal Justice Act (Public Law 103-176).

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) **ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—The term “Attorney General” means the Attorney General of the United States.

(2) **INDIAN LANDS.**—The term “Indian lands” shall include lands within the definition of “Indian country”, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151; or “Indian reservations”, as defined in section 3(d) of the Indian Financing Act of 1974, 25 U.S.C. 1452(d), or section 4(10) of the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1903(10). For purposes of the preceding sentence, such section 3(d) of the Indian Financing Act shall be applied by treating the term “former Indian reservations in Oklahoma” as including only lands which are within the jurisdictional area of an Oklahoma Indian Tribe (as determined by the Secretary of Interior) and are recognized by such Secretary as eligible for trust land status under 25 CFR part 151 (as in effect on the date of enactment of this sentence).

(3) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term “Indian tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native entity, which administers justice or plans to administer justice under its inherent authority or the authority of the United States and which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indian tribes because of their status as Indians.

(4) **JUDICIAL PERSONNEL.**—The term “judicial personnel” means any judge, magistrate, court counselor, court clerk, court administrator, bailiff, probation officer, officer of the court, dispute resolution facilitator, or other official, employee, or volunteer within the tribal judicial system.

(5) **NON-PROFIT ENTITIES.**—The term “non-profit entity” or “non-profit entities” has the meaning given that term in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(6) **OFFICE OF TRIBAL JUSTICE.**—The term “Office of Tribal Justice” means the Office of Tribal Justice in the United States Department of Justice.

(7) **TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**—The term “tribal court”, “tribal court system”, or “tribal justice system” means the entire judicial branch, and employees thereof, of an Indian tribe, including, but not limited to, traditional methods and fora for dispute resolution, trial courts, appellate courts, including inter-tribal appellate courts, alternative dispute resolution systems, and circuit rider systems, established by inherent tribal authority whether or not they constitute a court of record.

TITLE I—TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

SEC. 101. TRIBAL JUSTICE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Tribal Justice, shall award grants to national or regional membership

organizations and associations whose membership consists of judicial system personnel within tribal justice systems which submit an application to the Attorney General in such form and manner as the Attorney General may prescribe to provide training and technical assistance for the development, enrichment, enhancement of tribal justice systems, or other purposes consistent with this Act.

SEC. 102. TRIBAL CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Tribal Justice, shall award grants to non-profit entities, as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which provide legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, or tribal justice systems pursuant to federal poverty guidelines that submit an application to the Attorney General in such form and manner as the Attorney General may prescribe for the provision of civil legal assistance to members of Indian tribes and tribal justice systems, and/or other purposes consistent with this Act.

SEC. 103. TRIBAL CRIMINAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Tribal Justice, shall award grants to non-profit entities, as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which provide legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, or tribal justice systems pursuant to federal poverty guidelines that submit an application to the Attorney General in such form and manner as the Attorney General may prescribe for the provision of criminal legal assistance to members of Indian tribes and tribal justice systems, and/or other purposes consistent with this Act. Funding under this title may apply to programs, procedures, or proceedings involving adult criminal actions, juvenile delinquency actions, and/or guardian-ad-litem appointments arising out of criminal or delinquency acts.

SEC. 104. NO OFFSET.

No Federal agency shall offset funds made available pursuant to this Act for Indian tribal court membership organizations or Indian legal services organizations against other funds otherwise available for use in connection with technical or legal assistance to tribal justice systems or members of Indian tribes.

SEC. 105. TRIBAL AUTHORITY.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to—

(1) encroach upon or diminish in any way the inherent sovereign authority of each tribal government to determine the role of the tribal justice system within the tribal government or to enact and enforce tribal laws;

(2) diminish in any way the authority of tribal governments to appoint personnel;

(3) impair the rights of each tribal government to determine the nature of its own legal system or the appointment of authority within the tribal government;

(4) alter in any way any tribal traditional dispute resolution fora;

(5) imply that any tribal justice system is an instrumentality of the United States; or

(6) diminish the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian tribal governments and tribal justice systems of such governments.

SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

For purposes of carrying out the activities under this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for fiscal years 2000 through 2004.

TITLE II—INDIAN TRIBAL COURTS

SEC. 201. GRANTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General may award grants and provide technical assistance to Indian tribes to enable such tribes to carry out programs to support—

(1) the development, enhancement, and continuing operation of tribal justice systems; and

(2) the development and implementation of—

(A) tribal codes and sentencing guidelines;

(B) inter-tribal courts and appellate systems;

(C) tribal probation services, diversion programs, and alternative sentencing provisions;

(D) tribal juvenile services and multi-disciplinary protocols for child physical and sexual abuse; and

(E) traditional tribal judicial practices, traditional tribal justice systems, and traditional methods of dispute resolution.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—In carrying out this section, the Attorney General may consult with the Office of Tribal Justice and any other appropriate tribal or Federal officials.

(c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Attorney General may promulgate such regulations and guidelines as may be necessary to carry out this title.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For purposes of carrying out the activities under this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for fiscal years 2000 through 2004.

SEC. 202. TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

Section 201 of the Indian Tribal Justice Act (25 U.S.C. 3621) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000” and inserting “2000 through 2007”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000” and inserting “2000 through 2007”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000” and inserting “2000 through 2007”; and

(4) in subsection (d), by striking “1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000” and inserting “2000 through 2007”.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 406, S. 1516.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1516) to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and so forth and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I note I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important legislation. I am pleased to see the Senate take final action on it today.

I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1516) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1516

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 322 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11352) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 322. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$130,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and \$135,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.”.

SEC. 2. NAME CHANGE TO NOMINATING ORGANIZATION.

Section 301(b) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) United Jewish Communities.”.

SEC. 3. PARTICIPATION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON LOCAL BOARDS.

Section 316(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11346(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) guidelines requiring each local board to include in their membership not less than 1 homeless individual, former homeless individual, homeless advocate, or recipient of food or shelter services, except that such guidelines may waive such requirement for any board unable to meet such requirement if the board otherwise consults with homeless individuals, former homeless individuals, homeless advocates, or recipients of food or shelter services.”.

FEDERAL REPORTS ELIMINATION AND SUNSET ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 405, S. 1877.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1877) to amend the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1877) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1877

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act Amendments of 1999”.

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE OF SUNSET.

Section 3003(a)(1) of the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66; 109 Stat. 734) is amended by—

(1) striking “regular”; and

(2) inserting “at predetermined and regular time intervals,” after “report”.

SEC. 3. EXEMPTIONS OF CERTAIN REPORTS FROM SUNSET.

Section 3003(d) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66; 109 Stat. 734-36) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (31) by striking “or” after the semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (32) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(33)(A) sections 1105(a), 1106(a) and (b), and 1109(a) of title 31, United States;

“(B) section 446 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (Public Law 93-198; 87 Stat. 801); and

“(C) any other law relating to the budget of the United States Government;

“(34) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.);

“(35) section 22(a) of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to provide for apportionment of Representatives in Congress’, approved June 28, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(a));

“(36) section 3514(a)(1)(B) of title 44, United States Code;

“(37) section 202(e) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 483(e));

“(38) section 203(o) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 484(o));

“(39) section 202(e)(1) and (3) of Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602(e)(1) and (3));

“(40) section 1014(e) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 685(e)); and

“(41) section 6 of title 3, United States Code.”.

SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF REPORTS CONSOLIDATION AUTHORITY.

Section 404(b) of the Government Management Reform Act of 1994 (31 U.S.C. 501 note) is amended by striking “December 31, 1999” and inserting “April 30, 2000”.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 403, S. 1503.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1503) a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1503) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1503

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Office of Government Ethics Authorization Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 405 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by

striking “1997 through 1999” and inserting “2000 through 2003”.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on October 1, 1999.

VETERANS’ COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1999

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (H.R. 2280) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2280) entitled “An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes”, with the following amendments:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) *SHORT TITLE*.—This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999”.

(b) *REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE*.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

(a) *INCREASE IN RATES*.—Section 1114 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$95” in subsection (a) and inserting “\$98”;

(2) by striking “\$182” in subsection (b) and inserting “\$188”;

(3) by striking “\$279” in subsection (c) and inserting “\$288”;

(4) by striking “\$399” in subsection (d) and inserting “\$413”;

(5) by striking “\$569” in subsection (e) and inserting “\$589”;

(6) by striking “\$717” in subsection (f) and inserting “\$743”;

(7) by striking “\$905” in subsection (g) and inserting “\$937”;

(8) by striking “\$1,049” in subsection (h) and inserting “\$1,087”;

(9) by striking “\$1,181” in subsection (i) and inserting “\$1,224”;

(10) by striking “\$1,964” in subsection (j) and inserting “\$2,036”;

(11) in subsection (k)—

(A) by striking “\$75” both places it appears and inserting “\$76”; and

(B) by striking “\$2,443” and “\$3,426” and inserting “\$2,533” and “\$3,553”, respectively;